

MEASURE 18: Student Health Center Facilities Improvement Fee

QUESTION

Shall the undergraduate and graduate students of UCSC assess themselves \$27.00 per quarter to provide funding for renovating and enlarging the Student Health Center to accommodate the needs of our increased student population?

SUMMARY POINTS

- New undergraduate and graduate compulsory fee of \$27.00 per student, per quarter.
- Provides 25% Return-to-Aid or \$6.75 of the fee to assure that lower income students have Financial Aid assistance in paying the fee.
- Students would not begin paying the fee until the renovation is completed, estimated to be Fall 2009, contingent upon when design and construction financing becomes available.
- The fee will be re-evaluated at the end of the 30-year financing period to determine what portion of the fee needs to be continued to provide for on-going facility maintenance.
- Any reserves generated by this fee would first be used to create a major maintenance reserve. The Vice Chancellor Student Affairs would approve any additional reserve allocations, with recommendations from an advisory committee.
- Fee will be assessed to all undergraduates and graduates enrolled in the fall, winter and spring quarters and undergraduates and graduates enrolled in state-funded summer session.
- Students will be participants on the committee to assist in the planning, programming, and design of the facility.
- Fee would generate approximately \$1,363,635 in AY 2009-10, with \$1,022,727 going to the Health Center Facilities Improvement project and \$340,908 going to Financial Aid.
- Fee is sponsored for placement on the ballot by a vote of the Student Union Assembly, and petitions signed by more than 10% of all undergraduate and graduate students.

BALLOT STATEMENT

The Student Health Center currently houses Student Health Services, Counseling and Psychological Services, Rape Prevention Education, and Health Promotion programs. Originally built in 1969, the building was sized for a much smaller campus and designed on an infirmary model with hospital rooms for overnight care. Health care delivery has changed dramatically

since then, while the campus population continues to grow far beyond what the original building can accommodate. The \$27 per quarter facilities improvement fee will be used to plan, site, program, design, approve, and build and maintain a major renovation and expansion of the Student Health Center facility.

Aside from gains in operating efficiency, which translate for students into faster service and lower costs of care, a renovated facility of modern design will address privacy and confidentiality concerns with the existing clinical area, and support the introduction of electronic clinical information systems and other technological tools that are a part of modern health care. This will benefit all students for many years to come.

ENDORSEMENTS

This plan for improvement of the health center facility has been endorsed by:

- The UCSC Student Union Assembly (SUA)
- The Student Health Advisory Committee, a student group concerned with campus health issues and advisory to the Student Health Center (SHAC).